1973 Round 9 Sunday 20th May Lidcombe Oval

Manly-Warringah 17 def. Western Suburbs 13

	Graham EADIE	***Fullback***	Tony FORD
	Ken IRVINE	***Wing***	Allan ASHMORE
	Ray BRANIGHAN	***Centre***	Stephen KNIGHT
	Bob FULTON	***Centre***	Robbie PARKER
	Rod JACKSON	***Wing***	Stephen SATTERLY
	Ian MARTIN	***Five-eighth***	John HEYWARD
	John MAYES	***Half***	Tom RAUDONIKIS (c)
	Mal REILLY	***Lock***	Neville SINCLAIR
	John BUCKNALL	***Second Row***	John BAKER
	Terry RANDALL	***Second Row***	Barry BRYANT
	Peter PETERS	***Front Row***	John O'BRYAN
	Fred JONES (c)	***Hooker***	Shane DAY
	Bill HAMILTON	***Front Row***	Nick MOROKO
		Replacement	Terry MULLINS
		Replacement	Jim MYERS
Tries	Malcolm REILLY		Barry BRYANT
	Peter PETERS		
	John MAYES		
	Ken IRVINE		
	Ray BRANIGHAN		
Go*als*	Ray BRANIGHAN (1)		Tony FORD (5)

Match Description
Western Suburbs: Full-back: A Ford; three-quarters: A Ashmore, S Knight, R Parker, S Satterly; five-eighth: J Heyward; half: T Raudonikis (c); forwards: N Sinclair, J Baker, B Bryant, J O'Bryan, S Day, N Moroko
Manly-Warringah: Full-back: G Eadie; three-quarters: K Irvine, R Branighan, R Fulton, R Jackson; five-eighth: I Martin; half: J Mayes; forwards: M Reilly, T Randall, J Bucknall, P Peters, F Jones (c), W Hamilton **Referee: J Danzey (Rugby League Week 24th May 1973)**

Full-back Graham Eadie will take over as top goal-kicker for premiers Manly after a black day at Lidcombe Oval yesterday. Manly's goal kicking problem, coming to a head for some time, finally exploded yesterday – and it nearly cost them a win. Scoring five tries to one, Manly struggled home 17-13 against Wests when their goal kickers managed only one goal from seven attempts, including several simple shots. Front-rower Peter Peters (four misses) and centre, Ray Branighan (one goal from 3 attempts) kept Manly labouring. Wests' full-back, Tony Ford, also had goal-kicking problems, missing the chance to snatch a draw when he failed with two penalty attempts in the final eight minutes. Immediately after the match Manly coach Ron Willey named Eadie as Manly's new kicker. "The kicking today was appalling and something has to be done," Willey said. "From now on we will concentrate on Eadie as our top kicker." Making a comeback after injuries yesterday, Eadie turned in a smart performance, repelling Wests' advancing forwards on several occasions with clean takes near his try line from Ford's "up and unders." Eadie kicked successfully for Manly last season but lost the position earlier this year when he missed several games through injury. Since then, Manly have tried Branighan, Peters and winger Max Brown as goal-kickers without real success. Leading 14-4 at half-time yesterday after scoring four tries, …. Wests finished with 18 penalties to 6, including 10 to 3 in the second half, giving Ford every chance to kick them home. Manly's only second half points came from a try alongside the posts by half John Mayes 10 minutes after half-time, which Branighan failed to convert. The try climaxed a grand effort from Mayes, who played a leading role in three of Manly's first half tries. With Manly hooker, Fred Jones, losing the scrums 4-7, his first loss this year and the stream of penalties Wests had plenty of ammunition to fire in the second half. Second-rower Barry Bryant crashed over for a converted try 15 minutes after half-time and three goals from Ford kept the scoring close. **(Daily Telegraph 21st May 1973)**

Manly-Warringah had to turn on full power to beat Western Suburbs 17-13 in the Rugby League match at Lidcombe Oval yesterday. Manly scored five tries to one but poor goal-kicking by Peter Peters and Ray Branighan kept the winning margin to only four points. Peters, the first kicker, missed all four shots and Branighan landed only one goal from three attempts. For Wests, full-back Tony Ford kicked five goals from 10 attempts. For the first time this season, Manly hooker Fred Jones lost the scrums – 10-6 to Shane Day. **(Sydney Morning Herald 21st May 1973)**

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Notes: *Manly had five players backing up from the City/Country game on Saturday; Wests one, Raudonikis. Manly scored five tries to one but Tony Ford kept them in the game with five goals, although he missed two easy shots in the last five minutes that would have snatched a draw. Raudonikis also had a try disallowed when he failed to ground the ball, so it was a game that Wests could have won against the odds. Fred Jones lost the scrums 10-6 to Shane Day; a first for the season for Jones. Jack Danzey had his first game as a First Grade referee in this game and by all accounts had a shocker.*